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## NOTHING BUT MY BODY

Tilly Lawless

Allen & Unwin

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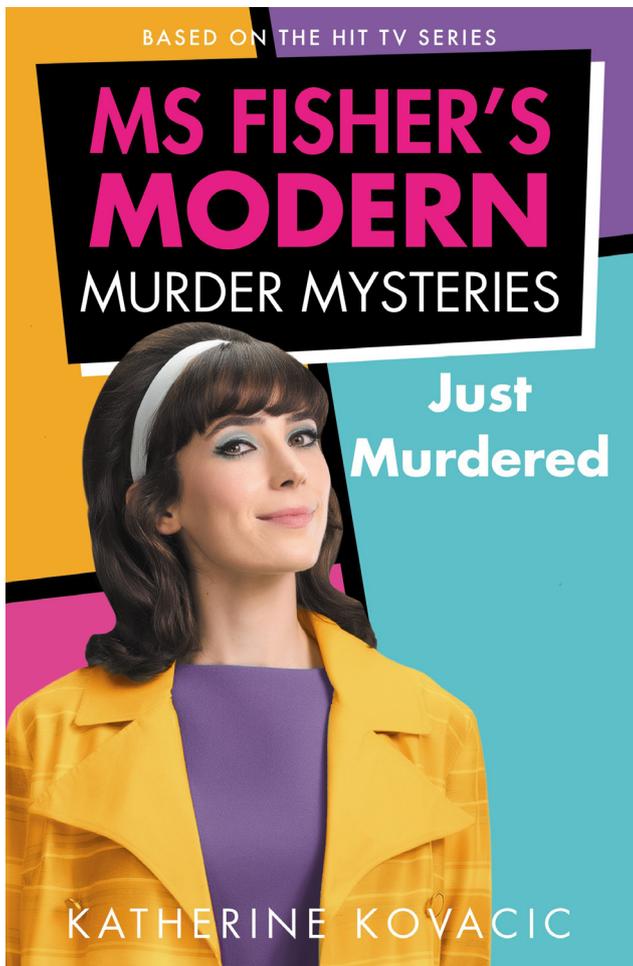
*A thought-provoking, discomfoting and beautiful novel about love, obsession, community and friendship*

*Nothing But My Body* is an eight-day journey through the mind of a young woman, a queer sex worker in Australia, as she navigates breakups and infatuation across just over a year. The unnamed narrator's voice is both fierce and vulnerable, defiant and tender, as she explores the interplay between her external and internal world, and the fluctuations of her emotions as love affairs intensify and wane. Her loneliness is assuaged by her beloved chosen family—her friends—and by the beauty of the natural world.

Set during the cataclysmic bushfire season of 2019 and into the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown, sex work is the constant backdrop of the story as it moves between Sydney, Berlin, Orange and Bellingen. The beauty of the writing and the moving and deeply engaging sense of compassion that threads through this remarkable novel give true meaning to the concepts of inclusivity and community in surprising and original ways.

This stunning, unflinching and lyrical debut is both a rejection of romantic love, a euphoric celebration of the queer community and a reckoning with the body as both abject and joyous.

**Tilly Lawless is a queer, Sydney-based sex worker who utilises her online platform to speak about her personal experiences within the sex industry in order to shine a light on the everyday stigma that sex workers come up against.**



## JUST MURDERED

Ms Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries

Katherine Kovacic

Allen & Unwin

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*A stylish new mystery featuring Peregrine Fisher, niece of the famous Phryne*

Peregrine Fisher is unexpectedly summoned to a meeting of the Adventuresses' Club of the Antipodes, where she learns some incredible news.

When fellow adventuress Florence Astor is accused of murder, Peregrine jumps at the chance to help on the case. Detective James Steed, initially dismissive, quickly finds Peregrine's flair for investigating and headstrong nature leave him little choice. A second shocking death occurs and Detective Steed's boss, Inspector Sparrow, demands the case be brought to a close with suspicious speed.

With Sparrow issuing threats, time is running out for Peregrine. It seems she's set herself an impossible task, but then, as Detective Steed says, 'never underestimate a woman named Fisher'.

**Katherine Kovacic is the acclaimed author of the Alex Clayton art mystery series including *The Portrait of Molly Dean*. She lives in Melbourne.**



## EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM WILL SOMEDAY BE DEAD

Emily Austin

Atlantic

9781838953768 | \$27.99 | 📍 | PB | Fiction

Meet Gilda. She cannot stop thinking about death. Responding to a flyer for free therapy at a local church, she finds herself hired to replace the deceased receptionist Grace. It's not the most obvious job—she's queer and an atheist—so in between trying to learn mass and conduct an amateur investigation into Grace's death, Gilda must avoid revealing the truth of her mortifying existence. A blend of warmth and deadpan humour, *Everyone in This Room Will Someday Be Dead* is a crackling exploration of the human condition.

Emily Austin studied English literature. She currently lives in Canada.



## WE PLAY OURSELVES

Jen Silverman

Atlantic

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Cass was a promising young playwright in New York until she found herself at the centre of a searing public shaming and fled to Los Angeles to reinvent herself. Once there, she is drawn into the orbit of her next-door neighbour Caroline, an enigmatic filmmaker, but becomes troubled by how deeply Caroline is manipulating her teenage stars in the name of art—especially as the consequences become increasingly disturbing. A wildly entertaining debut novel of female rage, self-sabotage, the pursuit of fame and the costs of artistic ambition.

Jen Silverman is a New York-based writer and playwright.



## SUCH A QUIET PLACE

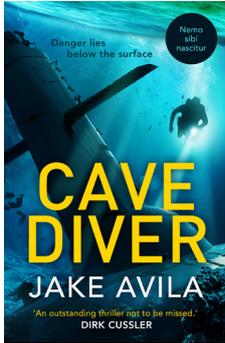
Megan Miranda

Corvus

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Welcome to Hollow's Edge—a picture-perfect neighbourhood. At least, that's how it used to be, until the night Brandon and Fiona Truett were found dead. Two years ago, branded a thief and sociopath by her neighbours, Ruby Fletcher was convicted of murdering the Truetts. Now, freed by mistrial, her return sends shockwaves through the community with terrified residents turning on each other. It soon becomes clear that not everyone was honest about the night the Truetts died. A riveting suspense novel about a shocking murder in a close-knit neighbourhood.

Megan Miranda is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *All the Missing Girls* and *The Last House Guest*.



## CAVE DIVER

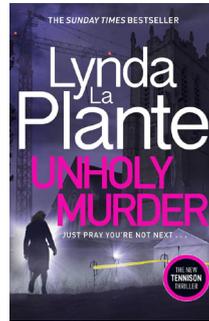
Jake Avila

Echo

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Explorer Rob Nash is offered the chance to lead a cave diving expedition in the jungles of Papua. But with a decades-old Japanese submarine buried deep in a cavern, and a team hell-bent on unleashing the treasures it hides, Nash finds himself on a ship heading for danger. A lethal band of criminals on board will stop at nothing to get the gold, so will Nash survive the perils of the deep? A high-octane, fast-paced novel from a new voice in adventure writing.

**Jake Avila is the winner of a Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize and has expertise in cave-diving.**



## UNHOLY MURDER

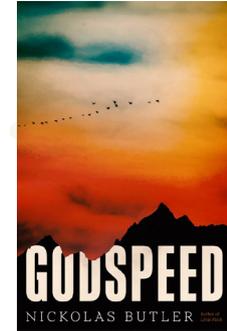
Lynda La Plante

Zaffre

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A coffin is dug up by builders in the grounds of an historic convent—inside is the body of a young nun. In a city as old as London, the discovery is hardly surprising. But when scratch marks are found on the inside of the coffin lid, Detective Jane Tennison believes she has unearthed a mystery far darker than any she's investigated before. It's clear that someone is hiding the truth, and perhaps even the killer. Tennison must pray she can find both—before they are buried forever.

**Lynda La Plante is the Queen of Crime Drama with 37 bestselling novels and over 170 hours of primetime TV, including *Prime Suspect*.**



## GODSPEED

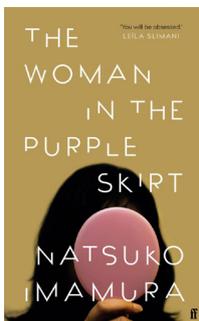
Nickolas Butler

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Having founded their own small-town construction company, Bart, Teddy and Cole yearn to build a legacy. So when a mysterious millionaire lawyer from California approaches them with a stunning, almost formidable project in the mountains, the three friends convince themselves it's the job which will secure their future. With the lines between ambition and greed more slippery and dangerous than the three friends ever imagined, what will be the cost of their dream? Part morality tale, part mystery, a searing story of friendship, family and temptation.

**Nickolas Butler is the award-winning author of *Shotgun Lovesongs* and *Little Faith*. He lives in Wisconsin.**



## THE WOMAN IN THE PURPLE SKIRT

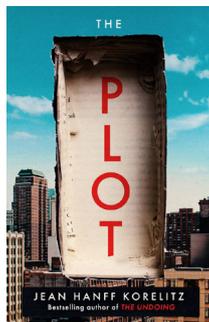
Natsuko Imamura

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The woman in the purple skirt seems to live in a world of her own. Each afternoon, she sits on the same park bench ignoring the local children who make a game of trying to get her attention. She may not know it, but she is being watched. Someone is following her, always perched just out of sight. But this invisible observer isn't a stalker—no, it's much more complicated than that. Clever, bewildering and darkly comic, *The Woman in the Purple Skirt* is the story of two women whose lives are set to become terribly entwined.

Natsuko Imamura has won various prestigious Japanese literary prizes. She lives in Osaka.



## THE PLOT

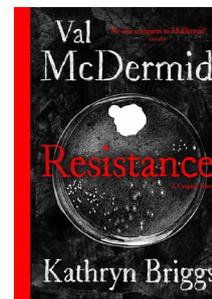
Jean Hanff Korelitz

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A thrilling new page-turner from the author of *The Undoing*, the major series on HBO. When a young writer dies before completing his first novel, his teacher, Jake, (himself a failed novelist) helps himself to its plot. The resulting book is a phenomenal success. But what if somebody out there knows? Somebody does. And if Jake can't figure out who he's dealing with, he risks something far worse than the loss of his career.

Jean Hanff Korelitz is an American novelist, playwright, theatre producer and essayist.



## RESISTANCE

A graphic novel

Val McDermid, illustrated by Kathryn Briggs

Profile

9781788163552 | \$34.99 | 📖 | HB | Graphic Novel

When 150,000 people descend on a farm in northeast England for an open-air music festival, a spot of rain seems the only thing dampening the fun—until a mystery bug appears. Before long, the illness is spreading at an electrifying speed. Can journalist Zoe Meadows track its source, and will a cure be found before it becomes a pandemic? A heart-racing thriller and gritty, dark tale of infectious disease gone wrong, *Resistance* seems only too credible in the wake of COVID-19.

Val McDermid has published twenty-seven crime novels which have sold over seventeen million copies worldwide. Kathryn Briggs is a graphic novelist.



## THE KINGDOMS

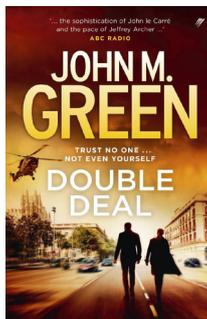
Natasha Pulley

Bloomsbury

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Joe has never left London. He is a British slave, one of thousands throughout the French Empire. But he also has flashes of a life he cannot remember. Now he has a postcard of a lighthouse built just six months ago, that was first written nearly one hundred years ago, by a stranger who seems to know him very well. An enthralling, epic, unforgettable time-slip story that takes us from French-occupied London to a remote Scottish lighthouse and the heat of a naval battle that holds the difference between one future and another.

Natasha Pulley is the award-winning author of *The Watchmaker of Filigree Street* and *The Lost Future of Pepperharrow*. She lives in Bath.



## DOUBLE DEAL

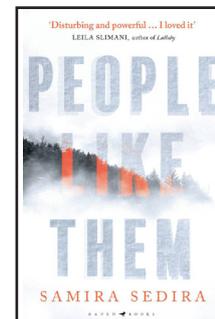
John M. Green

Pantera

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In top-secret talks in Barcelona, ex-spy Dr Tori Swyft seals a landmark deal over the Arctic that sends Washington DC and Moscow reeling. The next morning, she wakes beside two dead bodies. A nameless voice phones her, taunting her and revealing a shocking video that shows Tori as the murderer. Yet she has no memory of what happened. With Spanish police converging at her door, Tori flees, in a race against time to find The Voice and prove her innocence before it's too late.

John M. Green is author of *Double Deal*, *The Tao Deception*, *The Trusted*, *Born to Run* and *Nowhere Man*. He lives in Sydney.



## PEOPLE LIKE THEM

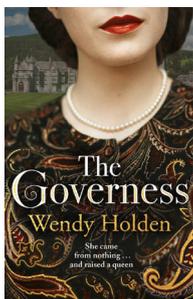
Samira Sedira

Raven Books

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Anna and Constant Guillot and their daughters live in a remote mountain village. Everyone knows each other until Bakary and Sylvia Langlois arrive, the first black family to have lived in the village. The new family's obvious wealth is in stark contrast with the modesty of their neighbours, yet they form an uneasy friendship. But when the Guillot's finances come under strain, underlying tensions come to a breaking point, and the unthinkable happens. A dark, stylish and suspenseful tale of class, race and frustrated ambition inspired by a true story.

Samira Sedira is a novelist, playwright and actress who was born in Algeria and moved to France.



## THE GOVERNESS

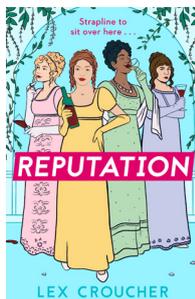
Wendy Holden

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She came from nothing . . . and raised a queen. If you loved *The Crown*, you will love *The Governess*.



## REPUTATION

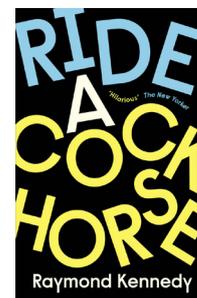
Lex Croucher

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A classic romcom with a Regency-era twist, for fans of *Bridgerton*.



## RIDE A COCKHORSE

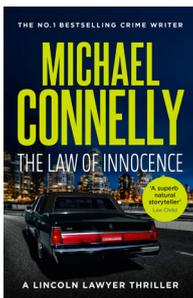
Raymond Kennedy

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## THE LAW OF INNOCENCE

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The Lincoln Lawyer Mickey Haller is back in this heart-stopping thriller from the #1 bestselling author.



## FRESH WATER FOR FLOWERS

Valerie Perrin

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A poignant bestselling novel full of French charm and memorable characters.



## IN DARKNESS VISIBLE

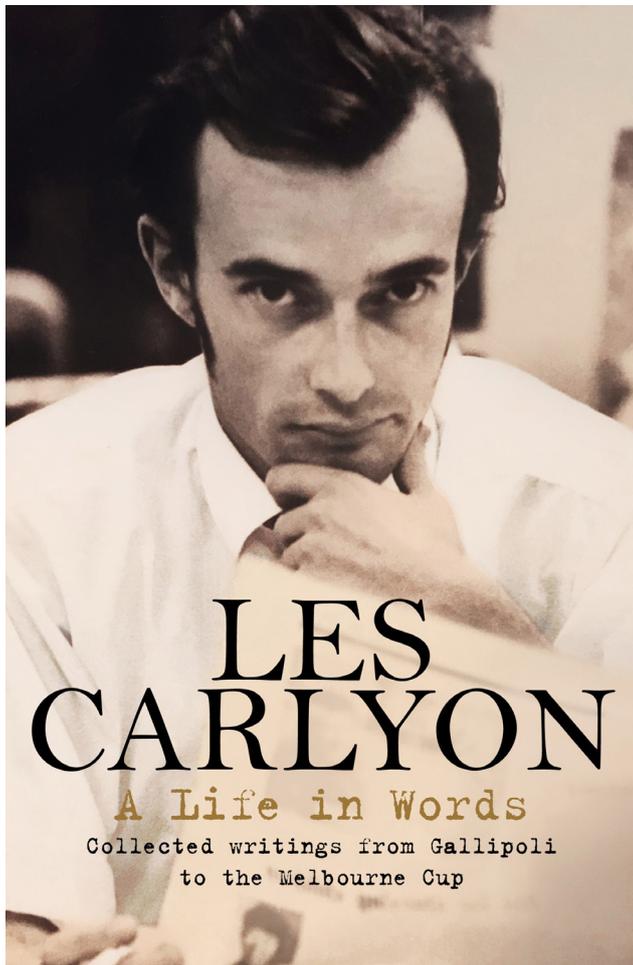
Tony Jones

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Intriguing, gripping and believable, Tony Jones has used worldwide political history to create a second sensational thriller.



## A LIFE IN WORDS

Collected writings from Gallipoli to the Melbourne Cup

Les Carlyon

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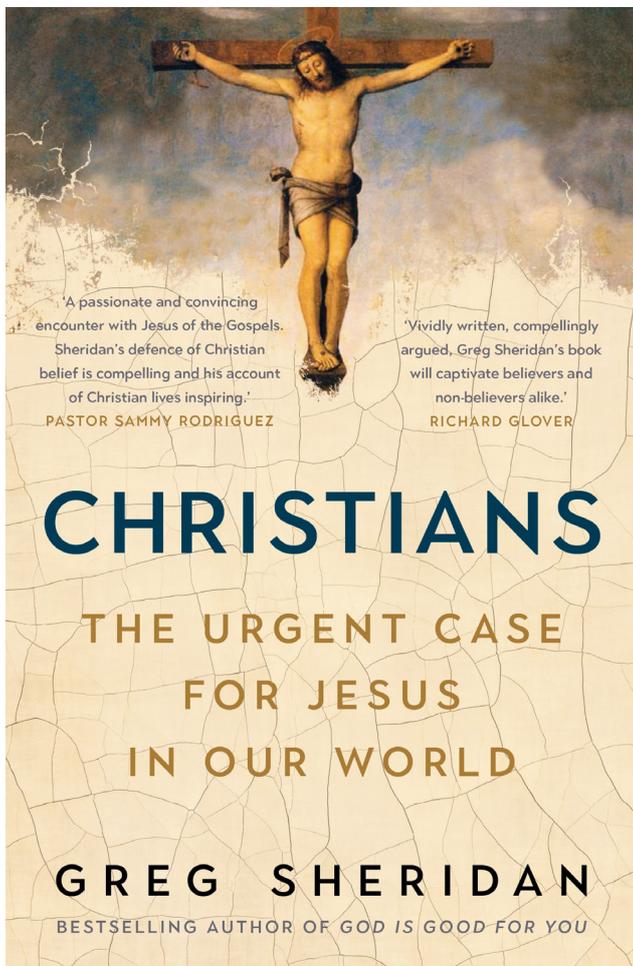
*The collected writing of one of Australia's most admired authors and journalists, Les Carlyon*

Les Carlyon was one of Australia's greatest journalists and writers. His career in newspapers was stellar, becoming editor of *The Age* at 33, and going on to become editor in chief of the *Herald* and *Weekly Times*. But he was always more about the written word than about management, winning two Walkley Awards and the coveted Graham Perkin Journalist of the Year Award.

Yet most Australians will know him as an author, writing books that gave us the very essence of our history and our culture—whether in the trenches of the Western Front, or in the betting ring at Flemington. His epic account of the Gallipoli campaign, *Gallipoli*, was ground-breaking in its day combing incredible research and an ability to capture the human essence with a style that was distinctively his own.

From Don Bradman to Paul Keating, from Flemington to Flanders, from Henry Lawson to Clive James, *A Life of Words* is a collection of Les's very best writing, taken from across his career.

**Les Carlyon (1942-2019) was a reporter, editor, historian, educator and mentor who was universally admired as a superlative descriptive writer.**



## CHRISTIANS

The urgent case for Jesus in our world

Greg Sheridan

Allen & Unwin

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*Passionate and compelling, Greg Sheridan, bestselling author of God is Good For You, examines the role of Christianity in our modern world*

From the historical Jesus and his disciples through to the present day, Greg Sheridan has written an impassioned, informed and utterly compelling case for the truth and importance of Christianity in our lives.

Filled with insights, intelligence, warmth and humour, Greg guides us through the Christian bedrock of the New Testament, and takes us into the lives of some key practising Christians around the world, from Australia's Prime Minister Scott Morrison, to Pentecostal leaders in the US, to women like Gemma Sisia, whose faith led her to Tanzania where she's already transformed the lives of thousands of children.

*Christians* is timely, relevant and utterly important.

Greg Sheridan is foreign editor of *The Australian* and the author of *God is Good For You* and *When We Were Young and Foolish*.

'Dapin's words cut into the organs of the criminal underworld like a surgeon's knife!'

DAVID McMILLAN, Klong Prem Central Prison Bangkok escapee

# PRISON BREAK

SHANTARAM TO THE  
BANGKOK HILTON:

The World's Most  
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MARK DAPIN

## PRISON BREAK

Shantaram to the Bangkok Hilton: The World's Most  
Wanted Australians

Mark Dapin

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*The real stories behind Gregory Roberts, John Killick and  
Australia's most daring prison escapes*

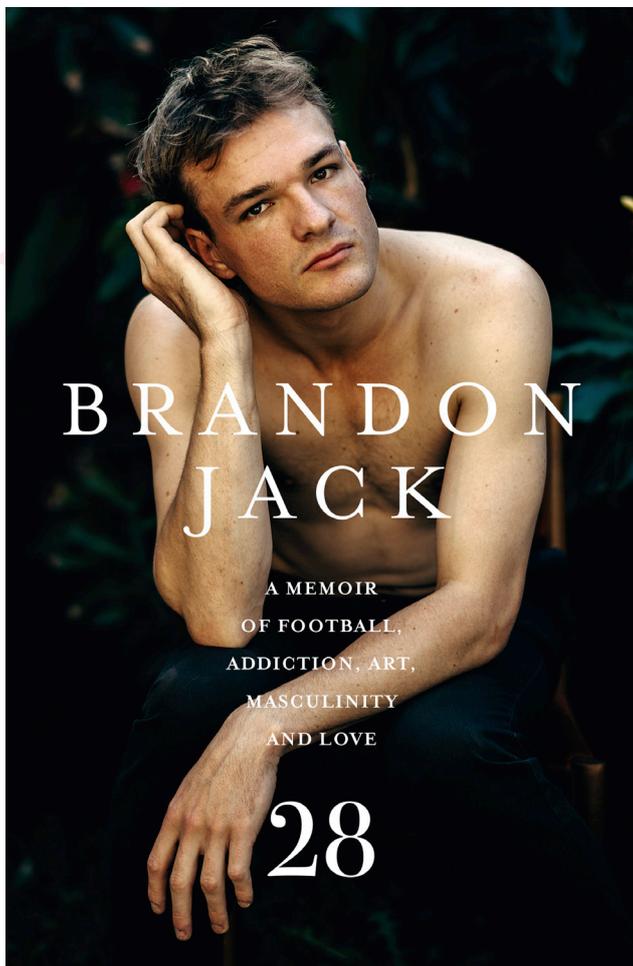
In his global bestselling novel *Shantaram*, Gregory Roberts based his fiction on fact. He was once Australia's most wanted man—a prison escapee who went on to live an extraordinary life in India and beyond.

John Killick's helicopter escape from Silverwater Jail in 1999 was the most spectacular and daring prison break in Australian history. But what is the truth behind these two legendary men, and the escapes that have become folklore?

Mark Dapin, author of the critically acclaimed *Public Enemies*, has had unprecedented access to Killick himself along with numerous former prisoners and associates from as far away as Mumbai, and a wealth of new evidence including ASIO files to help him uncover a hidden criminal world of prison brutality, courage, violence and myth.

*Prison Break* tells the real story behind Australia's most daring prison escapes, and shows that sometimes the truth is more compelling than the myth.

Mark Dapin is a journalist, screenwriter and author whose books include *Public Enemies*, *King of the Cross* and *Strange Country*.



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## Brandon Jack

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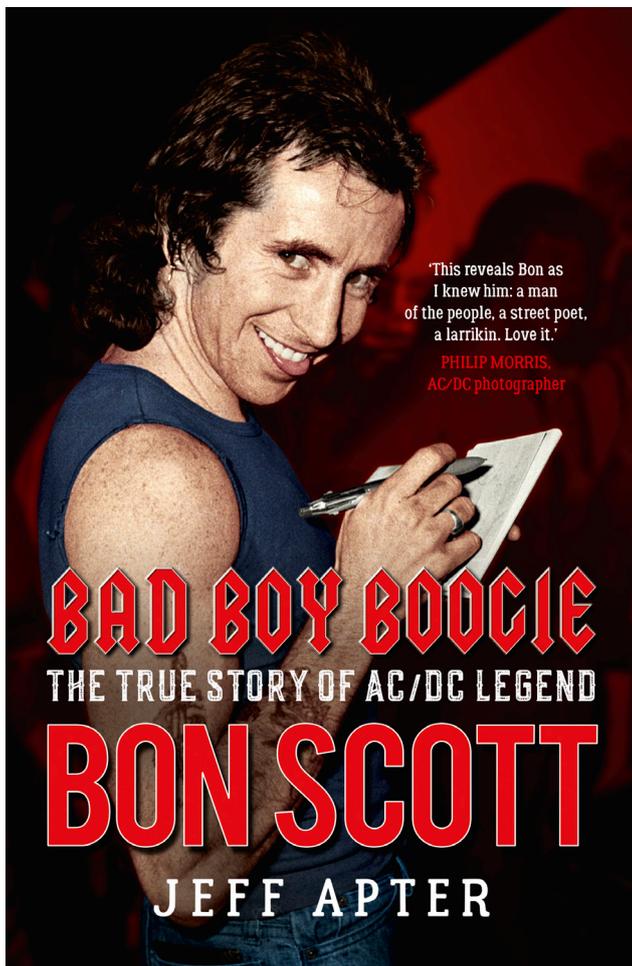
*A brutally honest memoir that completely rethinks what it means to be a man*

How does one come to be? Continually told he was born with footballing blood, Brandon Jack has spent his life uncertain of the relationship he holds with the games he's played. Now a writer and musician, he reflects upon the years spent pursuing what felt like an inevitability—the footballing life.

This is a unique and darkly poetic fly-on-the-wall account of a world which is usually shown in bright lights. Filled with relentlessly driven diary entries, vivid details of life at the fringe, and recounts of binge drinking into oblivion as an escape during his playing days at the Sydney Swans, 28 is a portrayal of the sporting psyche in a way that has never been done before.

But the true beauty of this book lies in the space between football. Laid bare on these pages, a cuttngly honest deep-dive into sport, addiction, art, sexuality, masculinity, love, family and identity.

**Brandon Jack is a singer/musician who played for the Sydney Swans for five years.**



'This reveals Bon as I knew him: a man of the people, a street poet, a larrikin. Love it.'

PHILIP MORRIS,  
AC/DC photographer

## BAD BOY BOOCIE

The true story of AC/DC legend Bon Scott

Jeff Apter

Allen & Unwin

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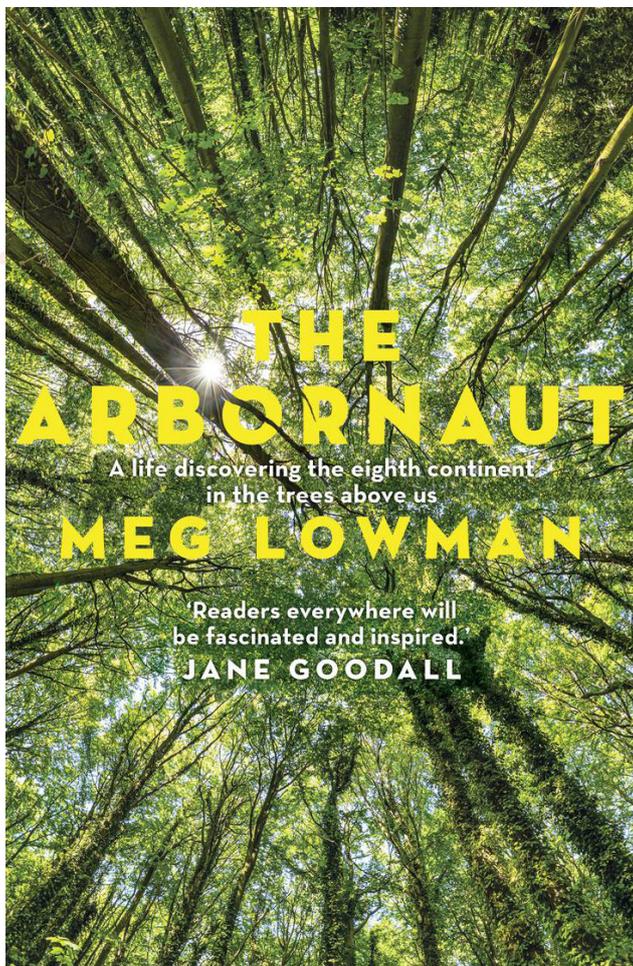
*The life, death and rock'n'roll rollercoaster career of AC/DC frontman Bon Scott*

Australia has produced any number of great rock and roll frontmen and women. But none has left quite the same mark as AC/DC's Bon Scott. No-one had the same skill with lyrics as Bon, who called his words 'toilet poetry,' his 'dirty ditties'. Everything Scott delivered, either on stage or in the studio, was done with a nod and a wink and the biggest grin this side of Luna Park. Scott was, in some ways, rock's answer to Paul Hogan, a true Aussie larrikin. He could also vividly depict life on the road, best heard in the classics 'Long Way to the Top' and 'Highway to Hell'.

Scott was always the joker in the AC/DC pack. He'd happily pose for a photographer with a joint dangling from his lips or be interviewed in cut-off shorts with a banana provocatively stuffed into his waistband. Anything to elicit a laugh. The off-stage stories surrounding Scott are the stuff of legend.

Previous biographies have concentrated on the dark side of Bon Scott—especially his premature death at the age of 33—but this is the first to focus on the man's remarkable gifts as a lyricist, frontman and rascal. In short, the real Bon Scott.

Jeff Apter is the bestselling author of more than 20 music biographies and is a former staffer at *Rolling Stone*. He lives in Wollongong.



## THE ARBONAUT

Meg Lowman

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*The botanist and conservationist, nicknamed the 'Real-Life Lorax' by National Geographic, takes us on an adventure into the eighth continent of the world's treetops, along her journey as a scientist and into climate action*

One of the world's first tree-top scientists, Meg Lowman is a pioneer in her field—inventing one of the first treetop walkways—and a tireless advocate for the earth having spent decades educating citizens across the globe. In a voice as infectious in its enthusiasm as in its practical optimism, *The Arbonaut* chronicles her irresistible story.

From climbing solo hundreds of feet into Australia's rainforests to measuring tree growth in the north-eastern United States, from searching the redwoods of the Pacific coast for new life to studying leaf-eaters in Scotland's Highlands, from a bioblitz in Malaysia to conservation planning in India to collaborating with priests in Ethiopia's last forests—Lowman launches us into the life and work of a field scientist and ecologist. She also offers hope, specific plans and recommendations for action; despite devastation across the world, we can still make an immediate and lasting impact against climate change.

Come live among scientists and travel the world (even in a hot-air balloon)! *The Arbonaut* is the engrossing story of how a nerdy tree climber and the only girl at the science fair grew into an inspiring innovator and international leader.

**Meg Lowman is an American biologist, educator, ecologist, writer, editor and public speaker.**

JONATHAN SHAPIRO and JAMES EYERS

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The extraordinary story of  
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'Entertaining and illuminating' Gregory Zuckerman, *The Wall Street Journal*

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The extraordinary story of Afterpay

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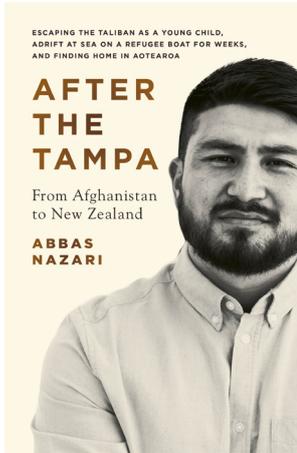
9781760879464 | \$32.99 |  | PB | Business

*The fascinating behind the scenes story of the brash Aussie technology start-up that changed the way a whole generation around the world does their shopping*

Millennials love it. Amateur investors made millions out of it, and its founders became billionaires. But professional investors steered clear, regarding it as over-valued. In a few short years, the Australian start up Afterpay has put a rocket under consumer finance and birthed a global industry. It pioneered the four-payments model that allows customers to bypass credit cards for online shopping and budgeting, with the cost borne by the retailer. Five years after it was founded, Afterpay had changed the way a generation went shopping, how brands from big retailers to fashion labels win customers, and how institutions value companies.

*Buy Now, Pay Later* recounts the dramatic behind-the-scenes story of the founding and rise of Afterpay. It reveals the network of business and personal relationships that enabled the company to finance its speedy growth, and the manoeuvring that enabled it to escape regulation for years, as well as the near-death experiences, and rising concern that it is getting young people hooked on debt. Drawing on years of on the ground reporting, interviews with the founders and other key figures involved in their rollercoaster ride, this is the Afterpay story told in full for the first time.

Jonathan Shapiro and James Eyers are both reporters for *The Australian Financial Review*.



## AFTER THE TAMPA

Abbas Nazari

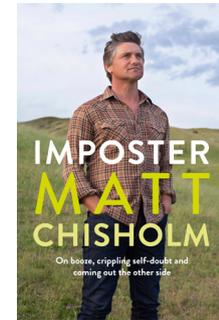
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9781988547640 | \$32.99 | © | PB | Memoir

*The heart-rending story of a seven-year-old 'Tampa' refugee who grew up to become a Fulbright scholar, highlighting the plight and potential of refugees everywhere*

Escaping from Taliban persecution in Afghanistan, Abbas Nazari's parents fled the country in 2001 to find a safe place in which to bring up their five children. Their six-month journey through Pakistan and Indonesia searching for asylum culminated in being crammed onto a small fishing boat with 426 other asylum seekers. When that boat started to sink in the Indian Ocean, they were mercifully rescued by a Norwegian cargo boat, the *Tampa*.

It's now 20 years since this happened and Abbas tells his story, from the Taliban's horrendous rule in Afghanistan to his family's desperate search for safety to how the *Tampa* became an international political hot issue.

**Abbas Nazari graduated with a BA (First Class Hons) in International relations and Diplomacy in 2016. He won a Fulbright Scholarship and is currently working on a Master of Security Studies in Washington DC.**



## IMPOSTER

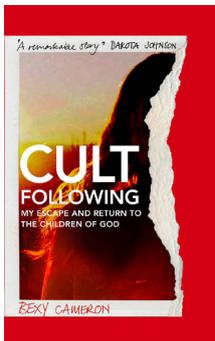
On booze, crippling self-doubt and coming out the other side

Matt Chisholm

A&U New Zealand  
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Matt Chisholm was the sensitive youngest child among four boys with a difficult family life in which high standards were paramount. After a decades-long spiral of heavy drinking, Matt found success as a journalist despite always doubting his abilities. But the unrelenting pressure of having to perform and his own perfectionist tendencies came at a price and he was diagnosed with depression. *Imposter* reveals the hard-won wisdom Matt has learnt, mistakes and all. Poignant and inspiring, this is a helpful book for anyone who is battling their demons.

**Matt Chisholm is a high-profile journalist and TV host in New Zealand.**



## CULT FOLLOWING

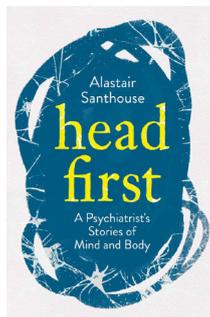
My life in the shadow of the Children of God  
Bexy Cameron

Manilla

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Long after her escape from the notorious Children of God cult where she grew up, Bexy Cameron could no longer ignore her need for answers to questions that had haunted her for a decade. Why were her parents still in the cult? Can these places so renowned for evil ever be a force for good as their acolytes so fervently believe they are? Determined to find peace, she set off on a road trip across America to explore the hold cults still have today, and whether you can ever escape your childhood.

**Bexy Cameron is a writer, director, academic and activist. She lives in London.**



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**Georgia Pritchett is a multi-award-winning comedy and drama writer. She lives in London.**



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Akwaeke Emezi is the acclaimed American author of *Freshwater* and *The Death of Vivek Oji*.



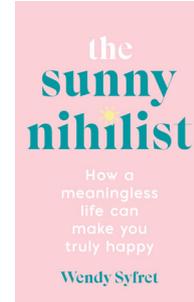
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Rachael Smith is a British comic artist and writer. Her #QuarantineComix series won Comicon.com's Best Digital/Webcomic of 2020.



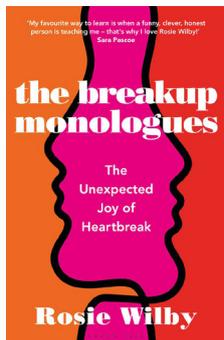
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Wendy Syfret is an award-winning Melbourne based journalist.



## THE BREAKUP MONOLOGUES

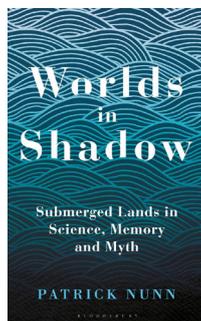
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Rosie Wilby is an award-winning British comedian and presenter of the highly successful podcast 'The Break-up Monologues'.



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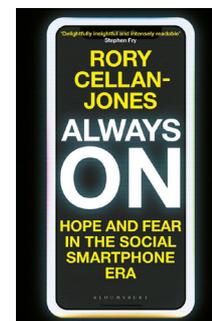
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Patrick Nunn is a Professor of Oceanic Geoscience and the acclaimed author of *Vanished Islands*. He lives in Queensland.



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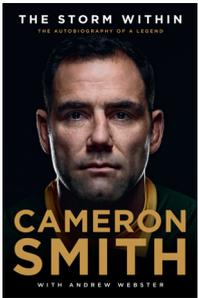
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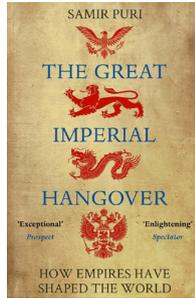
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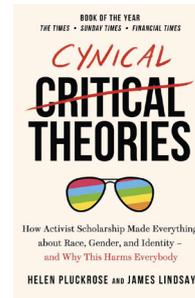
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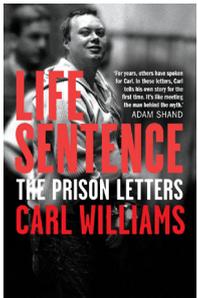
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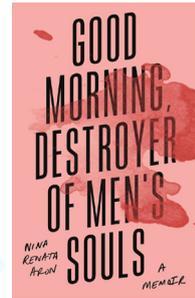
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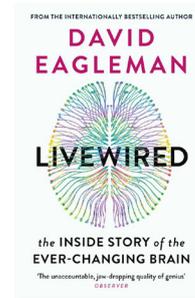
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